

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB



Oct 2003

B U L L E T I N



Happy 75th
Harry!!!!

NEXT MEETING.....

**15 years of the CA QSO Party (CQP) from Imperial County
(a San Diego DX Club event)**

Next Meeting: Oct 22, 2003 @ The Hindquarter Restaurant

7040 Miramar Road San Diego, Ca
Social Hour, 5:30 P.M. Dinner, 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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A Word From The Prez by John, K6AM



By the time you see this, I HOPE to be on the ground and running in C5 (The Gambia) for the CQWW phone test. Remember those guys who are doing the CQWW FROM each of the 40 zones -W6XD, N6AA, N6ZZ, K6JL, K6MC, et. al? Well, a spot opened up in this elite group and I'll be tagging along this time. No, I have no plans of going for the next 39 years.

We will be a big multi-multi with stations on all bands and vertical beams on the beach with an over water shot to EU and the USA. I'll try to sneak in some CW on the WARC bands especially before and after the test.

After only 3 weeks to recover, it's off again to my annual sojourn to ZF for the CQWW CW. Keep an ear out for us and work us and spot us on all bands.

Was in the CQP earlier this month and to my surprise, 10 and 15 meters still had some life in them. Even with my low power, plenty of European stations called in. So don't give up yet. There's still some DX to be had

Remember this is the last meeting before the big Christmas party. We are trying to resolve some date conflicts, but It will definitely be another good one again this year.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 30, 2003

Balance as of Aug 31, 2003: \$2,661.62

Income:

Regular Dues: 30.00

TOTAL: 30.00

Expenses:

Dinner Expenses: 42.50

Summer Bash Beverages: 49.68

Summer Bash Food: 351.91

TOTAL: 444.09

Balance as of Sep 30, 2003: \$2,247.53

Petty Cash: 20.00

Bal of Checking/Petty Cash: \$2,267.53

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Sept 24, 2003

The San Diego DX Club held it's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2003 at the Hindquarter Restaurant. There were 25 members and guests present.

We were surprised to find ourselves located in a smaller room in that our regular spot was undergoing refurbishing. It appears that there had been an arson fire since our last meeting, severely damaging the two large meeting rooms and destroying a considerable number of dining tables and chairs. Besides extensive cleaning, new wall coverings, ceiling tiles, and carpeting had to be replaced. We also learned that the restaurant owner is considering converting the banquet areas into a nightclub sometime in the future. What this portends for SDDXC is yet to be determined.

Our President John, K6AM at 7:20 PM, called the meeting to order. Acknowledged as guests were Bob, K6OX, Craig AD6LY, Dick, K4EIH, Steve, NF6B, and Skip, KJ6Y. If I missed anyone, I apologize, as the Roundtable was a bit raucous.

The Roundtable was interesting as always with Jim Price, K6ZH announcing his retirement from government service and SW DIV Vice Director telling a REALLY shaggy dog story.

President John, K6AM announced the TOP

TEN on Phone and at the top of the list was Uncle Ed, W6KUT with 373.

Dave Hachadorian, K6LL was voted in as a regular member. Welcome aboard Dave!

Our Vice President, K6ZH, announced that our October program would be "A Decade of CQP from Imperial County"

President John, K6AM discussed the 2004 Visalia Convention planning meeting that he and Tuck attended and asked for volunteers to provide the essential support services that we have accomplished in the past.

PROGRAM:

Jim McCook, W6YA was our speaker and presented, through slides, a fascinating journey through Slovenia, S5. Jim met with many of the local Hams, visited their personal and club stations and, among other things, photographed a number of impressive antenna farms. One must realize that financial restraints and import regulations dictate that many of the towers and antennas were "home brew". The cities and towns were beautiful as was the countryside. Jim's camera work was first class.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

DUES DUES DUES

Yes, it's that time of year when we start collecting dues for 2004. Annual dues are still only \$10.00 and if you like you can pony up for multiple years. Please do the Treasurer a favor by getting your dues in early. Send your check in favor of SDDXC to Harry A. Hodges, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715.

THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM

CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON PHONE

10/03	10/02	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6KUT	335	372	373	-
2.	3.	W6EUF	335	369	372	+2
3.	2.	W6CN	335	347	347	-
4.	12.	N6AW	334	353	353	+6
5.	6.	K6AM	334	340	340	+1
6.	4.	W6SHY	333	345	345	-
7.	8.	N6DUR	333	337	341	+1
8.	7.	N7BK	333	339	339	-
9.	5.	W6YA	333	?	?	-
10.	9.	W6YI	332	349	349	+1
11.	11.	W6YOO	332	338	338	+3
12.	10.	K6QS	331	334	338	-
13.	14.	N6CW	328	344	344	+4
14.	13.	W6ZZ	324	350	351	-
15.	16.	WA6MHZ	319	326	329	+1
16.	15.	AC6V	319	327	327	-
17.	17.	K6ZH	319	325	325	+1
18.	18.	KM6K	307	312	312	-
19.	19.	K0YW	306	311	312	-
20.	20.	N6ND	298	312	350	+9

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 326th current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2003. Send your totals to the address above or leave me a packet message.

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. Lots of position changes with only one or two new ones with everyone bunched up at the head of the pack. Those who reported stayed near the top, so it pays to get those scores in.

There is still plenty of room here for most club members to get several new ones on phone. In many cases all that is needed is the QSL. These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

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Attention DXers and Contesters!!!!

LOTW is now online!!

(taken from the ARRL Letter Sept 19, 2003)

The long-awaited QSL-cardless ARRL awards and contact credit system "Logbook of the World" (LoTW) officially opened for business this week. Within its first five days of operation, the system--which is open to all--already had attracted more than 1000 requests for a digital certificate, the essential pass key to LoTW.

"Although Logbook of the World is a tremendous resource for hams chasing DXCC, VHF/UHF Century Club (VUCC), Worked All States (WAS) and other awards, we hope it will appeal to hams who are not currently active in these awards programs," said ARRL Chief Operating Officer Mark Wilson, K1RO. "The proliferation of logging software has stimulated activity and interest in contesting, and submitting log data and verifying award credits online is a logical next step."

Data integrity has been a watchword of the LoTW since the project's conception, and that starts with a digital certificate. Obtaining a digital certificate involves a combination of on-line filing and good old-fashioned snail mail. The first step is to visit the ARRL Logbook of the World Web page <http://www.arrl.org/lotw>, download the LoTW software and request a digital certificate that ties the participant's identity to a digital key.

"We will need to verify you are who you say you are," ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, explains. "The security of the entire system depends heavily on the method used for verifying the user's identity." This first step is called authentication. Everyone who plans to use LoTW first must obtain a digital certificate. There are no exceptions. For US amateurs, this process relies on your mailing address in the FCC database, which must be current.

For non-US amateurs, authentication will rely on other documentation, primarily a copy of the participant's Amateur Radio license and another official identifying document. Mail these copies to ARRL, Logbook of the World Administrator, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111 USA.

Assuming everything goes smoothly, US licensees requesting a digital certificate soon will receive a postcard in the mail that contains a password. "The first batch of postcards has been mailed, and some people have uploaded their passwords," Wilson said. "Those will be checked, and the first batch of digital certificates should be e-mailed to users September 22."

Users then should go to the LoTW Web site and enter the password to complete the processing of their certificate request. Once the password has been entered, the digital certificate will be e-mailed within a working day or two. Non-US stations will receive their digital certificates via e-mail once their documentation has been received at ARRL Headquarters and authenticated.

Participants will use their digital certificates to "sign" and upload either Amateur Data Interchange Format (ADIF) or Cabrillo-formatted files. Participants also may use their primary digital certificates to obtain additional certificates necessary to submit log data and obtain award credit for contacts made under formerly held call signs.

At the heart of the Logbook of the World concept will be a huge repository of log data provided by operators--from individual DXers and contesters to major DXpeditions--and maintained by ARRL. Mills says the system will benefit big and little guns alike by providing quick QSO credit for ARRL-sponsored awards, especially DXCC.

Obtaining a digital certificate and uploading log data are free of charge. There will be a per-QSO charge for each contact credit used, but Mills expects it will be much less than the typical costs involved with exchanging paper QSL cards. When you use an LoTW confirmation for an award credit, the fee will be added to your account and shown in the user's record. The user will be able to pay for these charges on-line using a credit card.

Mills' article, "Introducing Logbook of the World," appears in the October issue of QST. LoTW news and announcements will be posted to the Logbook of the World Web site <http://www.arrl.org/lotw>.

Wilson commended ARRL Web and Software Development Department Manager Jon Bloom, KE3Z, and the other contributors to the project "for their dedication and hard work that made Logbook a reality."

Christmas Party will be held on Dec 6, 2003
Check website, newsletter, and watch reflector for details.

No meetings in November or December

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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